

# In The Dirt

## July 2021

Hello Master Gardeners and Community Garden Members!

Happy Independence Day!! We have really been busy bees this summer! Thank you so much to everyone that helped decorate the Master Gardener Float for the 4th of July Parade. It is amazing! I love it so much! You all put so much thought and care into this program, I admire your dedication to our community! A special thank you to Linette and Heather for providing us with a picnic after our decorating efforts! Also, I want to thank Lanny West for putting up with all of us and making Linette's vision and ideas a reality! We really appreciate you!

The next meeting on July 5th, has been moved to the Urban Orchard at Complex Park. We will be designating your adopted trees. Bring gloves, weeding tools, and a lawn chair. There are 20 new trees this year, we will need everyone to tackle this and keep it looking great! You can park at shelter #5 and then walk Northwest to the Urban Orchard.

The last MG meeting was at Diana Ohmans' house, if you weren't there then you really missed out! We had an awesome meal and the scenery was gorgeous! Her house is on the Garden Walk and is sure to be a hit. After the meeting, Sandi Aberle talked to us about the proper pruning techniques on fruit trees. It was a well spent summer evening!

The Garden Walk is quickly approaching, it is on July 10th. Many of you signed up to help the day of the walk, we will need help at the yards that are on the walk. You will greet the public and hang around at the yards. We have 8 stops this year, which is fantastic! Many wagons have also been designed and the sale of raffle tickets for the wagons will begin on July 6th. We will discuss the final details for the Garden Walk at the July 5th meeting.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Mandy Reynolds  
Horticulture Program Coordinator

### Dates to Remember

- July 3rd:** Wagons are due to the North Community Garden
- July 4th:** Parade Line up, meet at the North Community Garden at 10:30am. We will load the wagons and distribute the Garden Walk postcards.
- July 5th:** MG Steering Meeting, **Meet at the Urban Orchard**, park at Complex Park Shelter #5. MG Steering Mtg 5:15pm. Bring a lawn chair, gloves and any weeding tools! We will be designating your adopted trees!
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- July 8th:** MG's meet at the Extension Office at 3:00pm. We will preview all the gardens that are on the Garden Walk.
- July 10th:** Garden Walk! Please volunteer if you haven't already. This is a huge event for our program. Even a few hours helps!
- July 14th:** Pollinator Count at the Urban Orchard at 12:15pm

**If you need directions or help with anything after hours, my cell is 307-696-9186.**

### Websites!

<https://beecityusa.org/>  
<https://www.xerces.org/education>  
<https://www.gardendesign.com/>

# Campbell County Master Gardeners Steering Committee Meeting

June 7, 2021

Diana Ohman's home – Gillette, WY

The June Steering Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:27pm by Vice-President Diane Monahan. A quorum was established.

Attending the meeting were Mandy Reynolds (Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator), Linette West, Sandi Aberle, Shannon Hudson, Heather Kleiner, Ruth Lundborg, Diane Monahan, and Diana Ohman.

The agenda was reviewed:

Treasurer's report was given by Heather Kleiner, including comparisons of past three years and this year's income, expenses, and loss/profit for the tree sale. Final numbers for the gazebo and urban pochard projects were given as well. We overspent by \$23.34.

Should we have Wendy Clements look into getting signs made for the gazebo planters? Should we possibly leave it be for a couple months and revisit the possibility? Perhaps we could have a sign made stating "Designed by Master Gardeners and maintained by..." Diane is going to explore some options.

Any officers who have not signed the needed paperwork for the bank account needs to do so.

Trees have been checked on. They are being watered and they look really good. There are less than the 108 cottonwoods as stated in the newsletter.

The W-9 for the Urban Orchard and Gazebo Planter were sent in today, so we should get a check. Thank you, Sandra Hunter and Heather Kleiner, for all their help with the plants, as well as the Hudson children for mulching the trees.

The Wyoming State Forestry was supposed to get 100 trees, however we only received 75. Tara, with WSF, was told the 25 Ponderosa Pines did not arrive. The 25 Lodgepole Pines went to Wright. The 25 Honey Locusts and the 25 Bur Oaks went to the City of Gillette.

In May, Sandi Aberle taught a class on Pruning Fruit Trees and Grape Vines. During the meeting, she will comment on this.

The next pollinator count will be Wednesday, 9 June 2021, at 1215.

Multiple Master Gardeners have asked about shirts with the logo on them. Do we want to have something embroidered? We do not have funds allotted for this, so perhaps a better option would be to have those interested take the item in themselves to get embroidered. It was asked if we have permission to use the logo? Mandy requested a Campbell County logo from the University. Perhaps that could be emailed to the Embroidery Place, and then each individual could take in whatever they want the logo on, have it made, and pay for it individually.

Janet gave Mandy handouts for open class entries for the County Fair.

Mandy brought Thank You cards for us to sign for 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank for the Tree sale, the Wyoming State Forestry, and the Ice Arena Employees.

Mandy will be out of town from June 18<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. She has a funeral on the 28<sup>th</sup>, so she will not actually be in the office again until the 29<sup>th</sup>. She has brought a sign-up sheet for yard calls, while she is gone. Please put both your name as well as your strengths, if you would like to field any yard calls. The list will be given to Tracey, who will contact those listed if any calls come in while Mandy is out.

There are seed packets available for the "Grow Extra Campaign." The weight of the produce donated can count towards hours.

We need to decide how we are going to handle the meeting for July. It is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup>. Do we want to have one then, still?

Linette will discuss the Garden Walk during the regular meeting. The pamphlet needs to be "spiffier" up. Perhaps we could add pictures from the gardens we will be visiting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

# Campbell County Master Gardeners

## Regular Meeting

June 7, 2021

Diana Ohman's home – Gillette, WY

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Diane Monahan at 6:23. A quorum was established.

Attending were Sandi Aberle, Bill Brown, Karen Chitwood, Jared Green, Shannon Hudson, Heather Kleiner, Jody Kruse, Patsy Larson, Ruth Lundborg, Audrey Mertz, Diane Monahan, Sharon Murphree, Teresa Norton, Diana Ohman, Mary Schoen, Janet Thompson, Linette West, and Mandy Reynolds, Campbell County Horticulture Program Coordinator. Introductions were made. A huge thank you to Diana Ohman for opening her home up for the June meetings, and for the delicious dinner!

Diana is in the garden walk for this year. She may need some advice and help. Our meeting in July will be held at Sandi Aberle's home and the August meeting will be at Jody's mother-in-law's home.

Sandi Aberle moved to approve the May minutes as published. Heather Kleiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Heather Kleiner gave the Treasurer's report. She also went over the income, expenses for the trees, and the profit/deficits for the tree sales for 2018 through the present.

Mandy reported on the Gazebo and Urban Orchard project. The W-9 was sent today. We should get the check for \$5K soon. We overspent by \$23.34. There has already been a wedding at the gazebo! Pictures of before and after, which were sent in with the grant, were passed around.

Linette spoke about the Garden Walk. We were encouraged to sign up for manning a house. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be meeting at 2pm to work on the float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. We will have a picnic afterwards. The theme for the parade is Red, White and Boom. We are going with "bloom" rather than "boom."

The parade is on the 4th. It will start at noon, so we will need to be in line by 11. Volunteers will walk just a block or two each, and hand out advertisement cards for the garden walk. Hopefully we will have all the planted wagons by the first! After the parade, the wagons will be taken downtown, to display them. As of right now, we should have around twenty wagons.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 3 PM at the Extension Office, to tour the homes that will be part of the Garden Walk.

Any officers who have not signed the needed paperwork for the bank account needs to do so. It is thought that there is one more officer needing to do so.

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In May, Sandi Aberle taught a class on Pruning Fruit Trees and Grape Vines. Diane stated it went great!!! Sandi took a newer tree and demonstrated different steps while explaining the "why" to cut different parts. She did a lot of hands-on work with the grape vines. Ten people came out for the class, and it went really well.

The next pollinator count will be Wednesday, 9 June 2021, at 1215. This is held at the Urban Orchard.

Mandy stated that several Master Gardeners have asked about shirts with the logo on them. Members can take items to The Embroidery Place and pay to have things embroidered. A new logo that says Campbell County on it will be sent to them tomorrow, by Mandy.

There were fair books set up, upstairs, to look at the open class entry options for the 2021 Campbell County Fair.

Mandy brought Thank You cards for us to sign for 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank for the Tree sale, the Wyoming State Forestry, and the Ice Arena Employees. She gave fruit trays as a thank you to Rayne Gardens, Tractor Supply, and Bomgaars for giving us seeds.

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The First Lady of Wyoming is working with the Hunger Awareness Initiative. There are seed packets available for the "Grow Extra Campaign." The weight of the produce donated can count towards hours. Produce can be donated to the Council of Community Services or the Extension Office.

Everyone is encouraged to take a perennial.



## 2021 Master Gardener 4th of July Float



## Many of you have volunteer hours for 2021!

**Report Period: 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021**

Total Volunteers with Approved Hours: 17

Total Contacts: 1102

Total Male Contacts: 335

Total Female Contacts: 767

Total Volunteer Hours: 336.5

Total CE Hours: 111

Total Produce Donated: 15 lbs.

**Remember that 1 pound of donated produce equals 1 volunteer hour!**

You can find the link here:

<https://wyoextension.org/campbellcounty/agriculture-horticulture/master-gardener/>

Or go straight to the page here:

<http://www.uwyoextension.org/mastergardener/login.php?logout=1>

If you have forgotten how to do it here is a quick reminder:

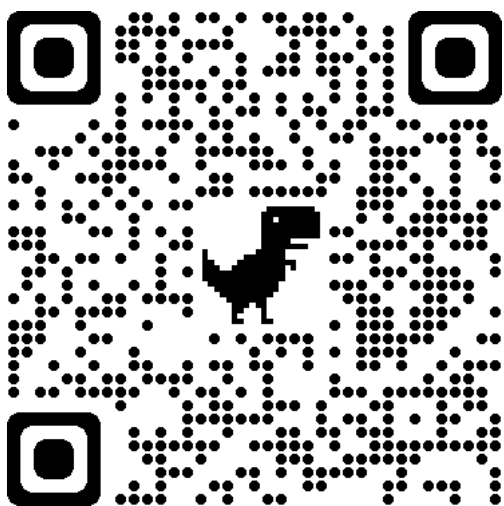
Username: first letter of your first name and your entire last name.

Example: Mandy Reynolds

Username: **mreynolds** Password: If you have not already logged in and changed your password, then your password is just: **password**

**If you need assistance logging your hours, let me know!  
I am here to help you!**

**Here is a quick way to report your volunteer hours! Using  
your smartphone, follow the directions below.**



1. Open the camera app on your smartphone.
2. Focus the camera on the QR code, you might have to gently tap the code. You also might have to move your phone around until it "picks up" the QR code.
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the action. It might ask if you want to open "uwyoextension.org" in Safari.
4. Tap on that link and you are to the reporting link.

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